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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1877.

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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON :- F. ALGAB, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 80, Oirous, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Firm of Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street. NEW YORK :- ANDREW WIND, 138, Nas- at this Port, has this day been dissolved

sau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND: GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourns and Sydney.

BAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally :- BEAR & BLACK, San Fran-

CHINA: -Swatow, QUELOH & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochow, Henge & Co. Shanghai. LAND, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Manila, C. HRIEBERE & Co. Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

#### Banks.

HONGKONG & BHANGHAI BANK ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND,..... 200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-E. R. BELILIOS, Esq. Deputy Chairman-AD, ANDER, Esq. J. F. COHDES, Esq. S.W. POMEROV, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. H. Hoppius, Esq. A. Molven, Esq.

ACT, CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong, . . Thomas Jaokson, Esq.

Manager. Shanghai, . . Ewen Cameron, Ecq. LONDON BANKERS. - London and County Bank.

> HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED

N Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent, per annum on the daily balance,

On Fixed Deposits : -For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum, 4 per cent. 5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Oredits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, Ohina and Japan. T. JACKSON, Loting Ohief Manager. Offices of the Corporation,

No, 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

### Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

TR. FEBDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of falling health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. Ludwid Stegmund Lutkens is authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

W. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. NOTICE.

AR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junn., is authorized to sign W. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, December 23, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KIER & Co. H, KLER,

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

HE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of the late Mr J. C. KRUSS ceased with his death at Yokobama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr H. Kunt-Mr RICHARD ECHONBERGER has been

authorised to sign the Firm. KRUSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. NOTICE.

RAR. H. C. ERDMANN has been admitted a Partner in our Firm, and Mr. ALFRED HERTs has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration. CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPEN-SARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. ORUICKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

#### Notices of Firms.

NUTICE.

Cornhill. Gordon & Gorce, Ludgate Circus, E. C. Bares, Hendy & Co., Tween the Undersigned under the

G. RAYNAL & Co. by mutual consent.

GUSTAV RAYNAL, CARL MILISOH. Macao, January 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of VISCOUNT DO CERCAL in our Firm ceased from the 1st April 1876. A, A, DE MELLO & Co.

Macao, January 1, 1877. HAVE this day Established myself at

this Port under my own name as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT. O. KEES.

NOTICE. HE Interest and Responsibility of the late MR. ALBRED HUTCHISON in our Firm Ceased on the 26th February 1876. DEACON & Co.

Canton, January 1, 1877.

Canton, January 9, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing be-

tween the Undersigned under the name of Mestern & Hulse has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE.

Canton, December 81, 1876.

NOTICE. HE Interest and Responsibility of Mr CHARLES BEWICK QUELOR in ou Firm Ceased on the 30th September, 1876. The Business will be Continued under the Style of CAMPBELL & Co. .

QUELCH & CAMPBELL. Swatow, January 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & FEHRS will from this Date be carried on as heretofore under the Style of J. D. MEYER & Co.

Swatow, January 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. H. EBELL has This Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at SWATOW and HOLHOW, which in future wil be carried on under the Name or Style of "HERTON, EBELL & Co." EDWARD HERTON.

Swatow-Hoihow, January 1, 1877. fel:

intimations.

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co. WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS.

38, Queen's Road, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

CHRONOMETERS &c. . Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately

rated under guarantes. All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of. - SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Company's Office, 39 Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Report of the Directors, together with a Directors for the Year ending 31st De-

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 16th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary. Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

MACAO HOTEL, PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO.

N the 20th Instant, a First Class HOTEL will be OPENED, under the above title, in Spacious, Commodicus, and well-furnished Premises on the Praya Every attention will be paid to the com-

fort of Visitors. Wines, Spirits and Eatables of the best quality only supplied. Terms moderate. J. P. DE CAMPOS,

Proprietor.

intimations.

# MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

\*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, Qualities One in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

POMMERY & GRENO'S

AMPAGNE. Extra

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

THE MEDICAL HALL. 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

W. BALL,

Hongkong, April 28, 1876.

CHINA DISPENSARY.

MPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-CINES AND PERFUMES

fe2 Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness and Prompt Attention. PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876. fe2 THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUES-DAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, th Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days in-

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-first Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the CITY HALL, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 25th January instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a

Auditors. By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA,

Statement of the Accounts, and electing

Becretary. Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th Instant, both days incluve. By Order of the Board of Directors,

-P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary. Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

P. F. DA SILVA, MENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, [fe22 TARAS and TAIWARTUS.



### TREASURY BILLS.

MENDERS of SPECIE, Merican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.1.7, in exchange for Bills, drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, will be Received by the Treasurer until 11 a.m. on WEDNES. DAY, the 24th Instant.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required, and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn; but no Bills will be issued for sums below £1.000. The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Sealed

Covers, addressed to "The Treasurer," and endorsed "Tenders for Treasury Bills." The right to accept, or reject, any or all Tenders is reserved. C. R. SHERVINTON,

Lieut. Colonel, Assistant Commissary General. H. M.'s Treasury, Commissariat Buildings, Queen's Road. Hongkong, January 20, 1877.

TO. 1 of the "TOKIO TIMES" Weekly Journal) will be Published at Tokio on Saturday, January 6, 1877. Terms of Subscription; \$12 per Year. Single Copies, 25 cents. Advertisements: 50 cents per Inch or part of an inch, and \$5 per Column.

Orders received by Messis Lane, Chawford & Co. Hougkong, January, 1877.

ON and after the 15th of January, my Charge for Brokerage on all SHARES, will be HALF PER CENT on the Full Amount, to be Paid by the Seller only. W. M. MORGAN,

Hongkong, January 18, 1877.

shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "DOUGLAS," . Captain Burnis, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant, at

Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

FOR LONDON, VIA BINGAPORE AND PENANG The Departure of the S. S. "ALTONA,"

Capt. Möllen, is Postponed until WEDNESDAY, the ja25 24th Instant, at 2 p.m. For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877. FOR COOKTOWN, BRIBBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer SOMERSET" will be despatched as above, from SINGAPORE, on or about the 4th February next. For Freight or Passage, apply to the

Undersigned, who are prepared to grant

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 10, 1877,

through Bills of Lading.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR LONDON. The Steamship "GLENROY," A. TAYLOR, Commander, will

be despatched as above on or about the 10th Proximo. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, January 19, 1677. NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES. MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Comdt. REYNIER, will despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French

H. DU POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

The Company's Steamship shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUEY. Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Barque " ANTIUCH. THOMAS MERRILL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 8, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The & 1 British Clipper Barque "UNANIMA," CAIN, Master, will load here and at Whampon for the above Port, and meet with early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "CEYLON, KELLY, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877, FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The American Ship "SUMATRA." Captain Clough, will load here for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient Inducement offers.) The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Russian Ship WEKLAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1877. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship CHEELMAR, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 2, 1877. FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Ship

ENGLAND'S GENERAL KNIGHT, Master, will load For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Brig Pico, Master, will have quick description, at purchaser's risk on the fall despatch for the above Port. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkons, January 4, 1877,

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from M. S. Tonnochy, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY. the 26th day of January, 1877, at 2 p.m.,

at Brook Cottage, Caine Road,-The whole of his English and Colonial made Household FURNITURE, Comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bedroom Suites, Carved Book Case, Pier Glasses, Engravings, Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Marble-top Teapoys, Plated-ware, Cutlery, Glass-ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets; A Collection of Books, Japanese and Chinese Porcelain and Lacquered-ware, Ningpo Carvings, A Large Collection of Flower-

ing and Other Plants. An AVIARY and One Large TENT. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Thurs-

day, the 25th Instant. TERMS OF SALE, - Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall

> J. M. ARMSTRONG. Auctioncer.

PUBLIC AUCTION. SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH & CANTON-

PLATED-WARE,

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs HEARD & Co., to

TUESDAY. the 30th day of January, 1877, at 2

top Toilet Tables and Washstands, Glass-

day, the 29th Instant. All Lots, with all faults and errors of

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-

the 31st January, 1877, at 11 o'clock a,m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,-SUNDRY NAVAL and VICTUALfel9 LING STORES, comprising Old Iron, Lignum-vites, Woollen Rage, Old Carpet, Offal Wood, Old Casks and Cases, Bisouit and Biscuit Dust, Chocolate, Flour,

> All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer. J. M. ARMSTRONG. Government Auctionser

tions to sell by Public Auction, or

Hongkong, January 18, 1877. ja31

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNI-TURE, comprising : English Rosewood Red Rep Covered Drawing-room Suit

and Breakfast Sets, Glass and Plated ware, Vases, Clocks, and One Piano Catalogues will be issued. in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7. 1, 7, All Lots, with all faults and errors of

Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Dinner, Dessers

J. M. ARMSTRONG Auctionser.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877.

of the hammer.

MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE,

BILLIARD TABLE, BALLS, OUES, &c., COMPLETE.

sell by Public Auction, on

p.m., at their Residence, Caine Road,-The whole of their Substantial Housefe3 hold FURNITURE, Etc., comprising:-Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Marble-top Tables, Sofas, Easy Chairs, Chairs, Pier Glasses, Carpets, Hearth Rugs, Side Board, Whatnots, Marblemounted Clocks, Davenport, Gasaliers and Gas Brackets, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-

ware, Plated-ware, Crockery, etc., etc. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Mon-TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars at 7.1.7.

fall of the hammer. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctionser. Hongkong, Jan, 19, 1877.

description, at purchasers' risk, on the

keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY.

Biscuit Bags, Blue Cloth, Blue Serge, Stockings, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Implements, &c., &c., &c. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undereigned has received instruc-

the 3rd February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 34, Hollywood Road,-Dining and Bed-room Suits, Pier Glasses Brussels Carpets, Curtains, Chandeliers,

TERMS OF SALE,-Cash before delivery of the hammer.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. Hongkong, January 19, 1877. Comdt. BAULE, will be despatched for SHANGHAI

### Intimations.

NEARLY READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. -- Part I., A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.-By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half. To be had from Messrs Lane, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messra KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai. Hongkong, January 22, 1877.

> EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1878.

FITHE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul. Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

#### AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGRONG;

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB, TIAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes, Photographs enlarged from C. D. V. size to life size and coloured in A new apparatus for Photography has been received from England : he is prepared to take Photos, of Buildings and Interiors at the shortest distance. Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

### AH YON,

COMPRADORE AND BHIPS' STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West. SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

TIUBORGS FABRIKKER DANISH BEER.

TO BE HAD FROM

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, January 15, 1877.

#### Notices to Consignees

GERMAN STEAMER CASSANDRA, LANGER, Master, FROM HAMBURG vid SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary is given until Noon To-day. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 17, 1877.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE

THE S. S. Glenroy having arrived from | Formosa, for Keelung. the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo Norna, for Swatow. are hereby informed that their Goods are Douglas, for Coast Ports. being landed at their risk by the Under- Killarney, for Saigon. signed, into their Godowns, whence and or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be

obtained. Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 4 p.m. To-day. Goods remaining in Godown after the 25th Instant will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned

by the Undersigned. No Fire Insurance has been effected. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents S. S. Glenroy.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel, from sombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the BUKHARA and ZAMBESI, from London, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their rink in For TOURON. the Company & Godowns, at West Point. whence delivery can be obtained from this

Goods not delivered by the 27th Instant. will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded by the following Steamer, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

A. MoIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SAIGON. The French Steamer " FRANCOIS I. Captain LEGACHEUR, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 30th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

AH YON, Praya, No. 57.

Houskons, January 23, 1677.

### To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY,

the 25th January, 1877, at the Residence of E. Lilley, Esq., No. 1, Stanley Street, at 2p.m., the whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

A Splendid COTTAGE PIANO. by PLEYEL.

See-Catalogues. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, JR., Auctioneer. Hongkong, January 23, 1877.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

#### FRIDAY.

the 26th January, 1877, at Noon,-An Invoice of John Gosnell & Co.'s PERFUMERY, comprising: Cut Glass Toilet Bottles with Assorted Scent, Ess Bouquet, Jockey Club, Lavender Water, Cologne Water, Toilet and Shaving Soaps, Marking Ink, Hair Brushes, Cloth and Hat Brushes, Violet Powder, Toilet Vinegar, Hair Dye.

50 cases Gin, Cock mark. 100 Gross Flaming Fusees. 4 cases Safety Matches. 10 tins Carriage Varnish,

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer, Hongkong, January 23, 1877. 1a26

Not Responsible for Debts.

Meither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks. -Melchera & Co. MADAME DEMOBEST, British barque,

Captain C. H. Bessit, - Gibb, Livingston BEETHOVEN, German barque, Captain

R. Haje. - Melchers & Co. BRIDGETOWN, British barque, Captain E. W. Crisp.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. FLYING CLOUD, British barque, Captain H. Williams.—Turner & Co.

IRENE, German schooner, Captain O. Hansen, -Carlowitz & Co. HANTS COUNTY, British barque, Captain G. W. Cochran. - Meyer & Co.

CEYLON, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly. STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker. - Douglas Lapraik & Co.

### SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 23, Diomed, British steamer, 1240, Jackson, Shanghai Jan. 17, and Foochow 20. General. -Butterfield & Swire.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 22, Achilles, for Shanghai. 23, Amoy, for Ningpo and Shanghal. CLEARED.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Por Diomed, from Shanghai, &c.: for Hongkong, Mr A. Rothwell and 23 Chinese, For London, Mr W. G. Stronach and child.

DEPARTED. Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 80 Chinese. TO DEPART.

Per Douglas, for Coast Ports, 4 Euros peans, and 123 Ohinese. Per Killarney, for Saigon, 12 Chinese,

SHIPPING REPORTS,

The British steamer Diomed reports Had moderate mousoon and fine weather all the passage.

### POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS will close :--

Per Schooner IRENE, at 11.80 a.m. Tomorrow, the 24th inst.

For MANILA,-Per CASSANDRA, at 1.80 p.m. Topreviously notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, LONDON .-Per ALTONA, at 1.30 p.m., on Wedness day, the 24th inst., instead of as pre-

viously notified. For SINGAPORE, SUEZ & LONDON,-Per DIOMED, at 8.80 p.m. To-morrow, the 24th inst. -- Will carry the Torres Straits Mails as previously notified.

For BAIGON .-Per Barque MARQUIS OF ARGYLL, at 4 p.m. To-morrow, the 84th insti-FOR MANILA. Per Brig SAN LORENCO, at 3.80 p.m.

on Thursday, the 25th inst.

FOR BANGKOK. Per Barque FLYING OLOUD, at p.m., on Thursday, the 25th inst. Per RAJANATTIANUHAR, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 80th inst.

will be despatched on THURS-DAY, the 25th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Marseilles;

The French Contract Packet MEIKONG to Salgon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fijl, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE PREMOR PACKET,-

MAILS will close :--

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet, but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked Faid to Galle only: they will go on from Galle as unpaid. The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c. :-

Wednesday, 24th Inst .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 25th Inst .-A.w., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late (11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, Saigon, or Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11.30 a.M., when the Post Office CLOSES

Hongkong, January 11, 1877.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET .--The English Contract Packet KHIVA, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, do., on THURSDAY. the 1st February. The following will be the hours of closing the Malls, do. :-

Wednesday, 31st Inst.-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night, Thursday, 1st Inst.-

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters censes. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with LATE FEB of 18 cents extra

Postage till 11 A.M., when the Post Office Czonne (11.80 A.M., Lietters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet with

Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, 11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally Hougkong, January 22, 1877.

THE S. S. GAELIC, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States and London, which will be closed as follows ;-2 T.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes. 2.30 P.M. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage

2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet. Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the

West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office. General Post Office, Hongkong, January 16, 1877.

> Shipping Intelligence. HOME SHIPPING.

The following is taken from the latest London Papers :-

DEPARTURES. June 9, Aurora, from Richmond, U.S. to Sept. 1, Bertha, from Hamburg to Hong-

Sept. 8, McNear, from Cardiff to Hong-Sept. 14, Tyburnia, from London to Hong- The publication of this issue commenced Sept. 16, Sarah Nicholson, from London to Sept. 16, Western Belle, from Cardiff to

Sept. 17, Palestine, from London to Hong-Sept. 18, A. T. Stalknechdt, from Cardiff to Hongkong,

Sept. 23, Agnes Muir, from London to Ost, 8, Belle of Oregon, from Cardiff Hongkong.

Oct. 5, Wega, from Hamburg to Chefoo. Oct. 8, Glamorganshire, from London to Hongkong. Oct. 12, Omba, from London to Shanghai.

Nov. 12, Lima, from London to Hongkong. Nov. 13, Rurik, from Cardiff to Hongkong. Nov. 16, Hydra, from Cardiff to Hongkong Nov. 16, Benarty (str.), from Glasgow to China and Japan, via London. Nov. 17, Eliza Shaw, from London to

Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong. Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hong.

morrow, the 24th inst., instead of as Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to side of the bellows of an accordion, in several other educational establishments Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hong-Ded. 4, Benclutha, from Cardiff to Hong-Dec. 7. Galley of Lorne (str.), from London to China and Japan,

> LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN POLYS, At London, -Steamers via Suis Canal. Gadabill: Benerty: -- Maogfegor Cairnamuir. Cyphrenes.

Sailing Vestels. Windhover. Carricks: Albert Victor Chicaman. Hope, Antwerp, C. R. Bishop.

At Laverpool Ulycaes (str.) At Glasgow. Leindoun Castle (str.)

### General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, January 25:-Noon. - French Mail leaves for Ports of

Call and Europe. 2 p.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of the R. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,

at City Hall. 2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 1, Stanley Street. Goods per Glenroy undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 26:---Noon. -General Weekly Sale by Messre Linne, Crawford & Co. 2 p.m. - Furniture Sale, at Brook Cottage, Caine Road.

SATURDAY, January 27:-Goods per Lombardy undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Tuesday, January 80:-2 p.m -Sale of Household Furniture, at the residence of Messrs Beard & Co., Caine Road. 4 p.m. - François I. leaves for Salgon on

or about this date.

WEDNESDAY, January 31:--

11 a.m.-Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store THURSDAY, February 1:--Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports THE Japanese Government has just taken of Call and Europe. 3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s

Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San

Francisco. SATURDAY, February 3:-2 p.m.-Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 34, Hollywood Road. Transfer Books of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date

to 16th February, inclusive. TUESDAY, February 6:-Transfer Books of The H. K. Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 20th February, included.

SATURDAY, February 10:-Glenroy leaves for London on or about this THURSDAY, February 15:-

S p.m.-American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. FRIDAY, February 16:-2 p.m. -Meeting of Shareholders of The Ohina Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at

No. 39, Queen's Road, TUESDAY, February 20:-3 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping.

Daylight .- Douglas leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. 2 p.w.-Altona leaves for London. Goods per Cassandra undellvered after

this date subject to rent. Tenders Close. 11 a.m.—Tenders for Treasury Bills re

ceived by the Assistant Commissary General.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

## DEATH.

18th Instant, Marie Elisabeth, (de Rusz 28 German; 22 Danish; 16 Dutch de Lavison) the beloved Wife of Prosper. Giquel, sged 29 years.

### THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGRONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 28, 1877.

father melancholy affair, but whether mits college at Saigon, black is the correct colour for such documents according to the usage at his Dec. 7, Stentor (str.), from Liverpool to Slamese Majesty's Court, or whether his Majesty is in mourning, we are unable to say. The Consul is reported by the Bangkok paper to have received the address in a "dignified manner." Mr Sickles has evidently a good command of his countenance, for it must have been intensely amusing to be solemuly presented with such a primitive, singular and dingy-looking document. In the wording, however, the address is sensible enough. The English translation of it reads as follows |-" The President of the United States of America Assistant Inspector of Junks,

has given his seal appointing. Daniel B. Sickles, Consul to Siam, for the purpose of preserving the treaty relations and adding to the mut al prosperity of both nations. We take great pleasure in \$5. acknowledging the action of the President in thus appointing David B. Sickles to the office of Consul to Siam according to the articles of the treaty. Let the Princes and Nobles of Siam, and our Government officers ever show that respect for the Consul which is due to his rank according to the treaty. When there are matters of importance to be settled, let the Consul and our Government confer together, that they may be settled amicably and according to the principle of justice and equity, and let both parties endeavour to preserve the treaty relations that they may be of long continuance. And may that Power which is great in the universe preserve the Consul, and give him continued health and happiness." The words in italies are underlined in the original.

hoped, effective step to lessen the burdens of its agricultural subjects, and reduce the country to a more settled state. On the 4th instant an imperial decree was ssued, in the course of which it was stated that almost immediately after the however, we are still of opinion that a more Restoration duties of a novel nature and competent authority ought to be installed. many needful improvements were under- at least for the present, as special cattletaken by the Government both at home and abroad which necessarily greatly increased the national expenditure. "The burden of this fell upon the people and was hard to be borne, for which reason We ordered that the mode of taxation should be re-modelled and settled at 3 per cent on the value of the land, thinking thus to afford relief to Our people. But having recently visited various parts of Our dominions, We have carefully observed the agricultural population, and, sympathizing with their condition, have determined to still further reduce the land-tax to 21 per cent on the value of the land. We therefore order all officials to act in accordance with Our will, and to be as economical as possible in the public expenditure." This decree was immediately followed by a notification | and the service, though it will be a long from the Prime Minister, stating that time ere he can regain his former strength." the Mikado having decreed that the land-tax should be reduced, and that as much economy as possible should be observed in the expenditure, it was now also declared that the tax for local rison Theatre, by the Band of the 28th purposes to be levied upon the people Regiment. The entertainment commencedmust not exceed one-fifth of the amount with the farce "A Kiss in the Dark," of the land-tax. It is calculated that these measures will relieve the land of annual burdens amounting in all to about 16,000,000 yen-8,000,000 of quite charming. Mrs Pettibone (Miss Steland-tax, and a similar amount of taxation for local purposes. To meet this serious loss to the national revenue reductions are to be made in the annual expenditure of the various Government Departments, amounting in all to 0,832,312 yen. Two Departments-Religion and

Home Department, Reductions are also to be made in other directions, notably in the salaries of Government officials. The Government has now done all that it can do for the farmers, who ought to be satisfied. Doubtless the step will interfere with the progress of public works, but for all that it is a move in the right direction, and shows that the Government has the welfare of the country so much at heart that it does not hesitate to sacrifice its own interest for those of the people-which cannot be said of some Governments far more advanced in the path of civilisation. THE commercial prospects of Saigon

appear to be a little brighter after all than those of some parts of the Far East, The exports of rice during the year are said to have aggregated land Missio ary Society have, at a recent 5,467,462 picule, the value being 88,545,000 francs. Over 200 English At Pagoda Anchorage, Foochow, on the vessels entered the port; 99 French; and a few of other nationalities. During the first half of 1876, 169 steamers and 53 sailing vessels left the port with 3,900,000 piculs of rice for Hongkong, and 4,600,000 for other ports, the average freight being 16 cents per picul The total sperations of the Banque de L'Indo-Chine for the year amounted to \$8,845,148. A special Asiatic Immi-Oct. 14, Sir Barry Parkes, from London to | Wil have been favoured with a view of gration Office has been established at the original address recently presented Saigon since 1874, and in 1875, over to Mr David B. Sickles by the King of 10,000.immigrants arrived in the Colony, Siam, on the former assuming the duties | During the first half of 1876 nearly of American Consul at Bangkok. This 6,000 arrived, and the total number at address is in every respect a curiosity. present in Cochin-China is estimated at general. It is written or rather painted, in both 40,000. Elementary schools for teaching Slamese and English, on a thick, coarse, French have been opened in each chief. Hands & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hong. kind of paper, coloured a dull black, lieu t at the present time they number the writing being white! The writing nineteen. A college for young Anna scarcely occupies one fourth of the paper, mites from the elementary schools has which is about four yards long, and one also been established at Saigon and now foot wide, and folded up together like a numbers 140 students. There are also folds about five inches broad. There directed by missionaries and others, are no attempts whatever at ornamenta- Fifty-six Annamite professors are attachtion. Altogether the address looks a ed to the elementary schools and Anna-

# LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE Himalaya, troopship, was at Point de Galle on 18th Instant.

22nd Jan. 1877. The steamers Calabar, Chinkiang, and Yangters have arrived at Shanghai. The off, thus reducing the Company's debt to Pautah has left that port

Wong Po, master of junk I-hop, with not reporting his arrival and not obtaining au anchorage pass. The defendant was fine l-

WE hear that a meeting of the subscribers to the recent Regatta is to be held on Thursday next, at 5 o'clock, at the Victoria Recreation Club House, for the purpose of considering in what way to dispose of the surplus Regatta funds.

THE Annual Yacht Race for the " Douglas Challenge Cup" will be sailed on Friday next, starting from off the Kowloon Coalsheds at seven o'clock a.m. The starter will leave Peddar's Wharf in a steam-launch at half-past six o'clock, and we are authorized to say that any persons wishing to see the . yachts start can be accommodated with a

We are gratified to note that a more strict examination than heretofore is being made a very praiseworthy, and, it is to be of the beeves with which our meat markets are supplied, and that, according to Mr Orley, there is now no danger of bad meat finding its way to our tables. The Inspector and his intelligent constable notwithstanding,

> Ir is with extreme regret that we learn of the continued ill health of Sir Brooke Robertson. After everything seemed to be going on favourably towards a recovery, the patient suffered a relapse on the 21st. when the fever returned, with aggravated symptoms. Sir Brooke, by last accounts, was very low, and the hopes which bad been entertained -- of his recovery were not so bright as we could have wished. It is so far satisfactory, however, to know that those best able to judge are still of opinion that the veteran Consul may yet be spared to his numerous friends

An entertainment was given last evening to a tolerably well filled house at the Garwhich was well received. The characters were very well chosen, the ladies looking venson) appeared quite at home in petticoats, albeit her waist does not take after the wasp shape; and Mary (Miss Chaplin) makes a very pretty minding servant-maid, though she rouges overmuch. Mr J. Mc-Laughlin, when putting his dear Mrs P. to Police-are to be absolutely abolished, the test, takes his part exceedingly well, their business being transferred to the but we think it would somewhat improve his acting were he to render himself less dependent on the prompter. At the conclusion of the farce the Band formed themselves into a Minstrel troupe and sang some well-worn but very good old songs, notably Home Sweet Home, Eva, Jordan, and the Black Brigade. Bones, as is usual on such occasions, had a great deal to say between each song. The performance will, we believe, be repeated on Thursday evening.

> THE Pioneer furnishes the following concise and sensible statement regarding the disgraceful ecclesiastical scrimmages which have been making the Bishops of India so notorious of late !-

As was only reasonable to expect, the Central Committee of the Church of Engmeeting in London, confirmed in the most unequivocal way the action of their representatives in the collision which has occurred between them and the Bishop of Colombo on the subject of the Tamil Coolie Mission. The Committee point out that when a Mission has been duly licenced, the Bishop of the diocese has no authority to assume to himself the management of such Mission, or of any part of it, or to transfer the charge of it " without the consent of the Society" to any clergyman of his own appointment. This is certainly the proper view to take of the matter, and Rishop Coplestone, in spite of the support he has received from his youthful friend, Dr Mylne, may find that he has made a serious mistake. As we pointed out a few days ago, both these bishops have been arrogating to themselves arbitrary powers that do not belong to their office, which is really that of chaplaines

ragoda Anchorage, 20th Canuary, 1077 1 -Arrivals During the Week .- Jan. 18, Lu.u, from Shanghai; 19, Diomed, from

Departures During the Week,-Jan. 14,

Europe, for Shanghai; 16, Chefoo, for Shanghai; 16, Douglas, for Hongkong, Shipping in Port.—Anna Cecilia, Hornet Lulu, Diomed. THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPARY LIMITED: Report of the Directors to be presented at

be held at the Company's Hotel, at half past three o'clock p.m., on Friday, the 28th January |--In accordance with Section 68 of the Articles of Association the Directors have again to submit to you their Half-yearly Report with Statement of Accounts for the six months ending 81st December, 1870. Loan Account, -A further sam of \$2,000 has during the past six months been paid

the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders, to

Profit and Loss Accounts This account shows a Credit Balance of \$7,378.98, being AT the Marine Court to-day, J. J. College, an increase of \$587.29 on the profits of charged the same period of last year. The Direct

and Furniture" account. election.

Auditors .- Messrs H. Smith and A. E. Vaucher, the retiring Auditors, are recommended by the Directors for re-election. A. ANDRE, Chairman.

(L. & C. Express, Dec. 8.). The Medway, one of the six doublescrew iron guaboats of 886 tons which have been constructed by Messrs Palmer, of Jarrow, and engined by Messrs Hawthorn, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was tried on the measured mile in Stokes Bay last week by Browne & Another v. Alabor. & Another, the Portsmouth Steam Reserve. The trial was not a complete success, as in consequence of the failure on the part of the boilers to afford the requisite steam, the indicated horse-power fell considerably short of the contract power (310 horses). These gunboats, which are intended exclusively for river service, are 110ft. between perpendiculars, and have an extreme breadth of 34ft. a moulded breadth of 33ft. 10lin., and an estimated draught of 5ft. Sin. forward and Sit aft. Their breadth of fendants. beam is extreme when taken in relation with their length, and their depth of hold is so shallow that their midship section is. almost a true oval. They have overhanging sides, which enable them to sit in the water like a duck, and secures great stability and buoyancy. They are also provided with bow rudder, which materially adds to their activity, and prevents them from having to turn in cramped situations. They are well divided into watertight compartments by means of longitudinal and thwartship bulkheads; a middle-line bulkhead running nearly throughout the entire hull, thus dividing a boiler and a pair of engines completely from the other set, Two transverse bulkheads also separate the engines and stokeholes from the other parts of the ship in a fore and aft direction. This type of gun-vessel carries three 64pounder guns. Two are mounted under a raised forecastle, while the other, a chase gun, is placed at the stern. The two forguns work upon slides, and are trained through a couple of ports each. The bow ports afford a direct fire shead and also a fire at an angle of 10 deg. in one direction and 67 deg. in another; while the ports at the side give a direct thwartship Are, and enable the guns to be trained to an angle of 25 deg. and 68 deg. The vessels will also carry a Gattling gun,

> Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. C. May.) 23rd January, 1877.

shoes under the pretext of buying clothes. He was caught with the shoes in his pos-He was sent to one month's hard labour.

SADDLING THE WRONG HORSE. Cheong Afoo, a farmer, was charged with cutting down a guava tree at Stanley. Hedefendant, on the other hand, denied that I he was the man who cut it down; the person who had done it fled on the arrival of the Police, and he was watering his garden when arrested. He was prepared to prove his innocence by witnesses. The case was consequently adjourned to enable him to do so.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE. The Master of the Lin-on cattle Lan was summoned by Inspector Orley, for having sent a heifer to the Slaughter House be slaughtered which was in diseased state. The Inspector examined the animal, and found that it was bad with pneumonia. The disease had, however. just broken out in the animal and was consequently very difficult to detect. The defendant readily did what the Inspector told him to do and removed the animal without any demur. He owned a large cattle Lan at West Point, but the animals there appeared to be healthy. pneumonia was now raging in the Colony, but the Inspector had the assistmeat being able to find its way into the market. The case was adjourned till the 29th inst. for observation.

The master of the Hop Cheung Lan was also summoned for a similar offence. His case was precisely the same as that of the previous defendant, and it was likewise adjourned.

SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before Mr Justice Snowpen.) January 23, 1877.

Lee See Hing v. Lee Kut, \$59.90 .--This care was heard the last Court day. of \$50 by his son.

and Mr Wotton for the defendant.

After a deal of evidence pro and con, the engagements. In cross examination, he posed to be the voice of God, gambling in defendant denying that he was the man to said payment in money was neces- many forms is still rampant. whom the goods were supplied, his Lord- sary in order to prevent the Japathip gave judgment for the plaintiffs. Mr Hoimes appeared for the plaintiffs. and Mr Dennya for the defendant.

a claim by a Portuguese woman for one month's rent. The defendant denied that the rice trade. A Japanese was examined, he owed anything. He went to live with and he deposed that there was no regular the plaintiff as her lodger in No. 21, rule as to contracts between Japanese and of Hongkong, should be adopted for general Mosque Junction, paying \$8 a month; the foreigners. Sometimes bargain money was plaintiff reserved one room for herself in paid and sometimes not. Rice could be the house. He had paid up to the time he purchased without advances. left, but the plaintiff asserted that the defordant left without notice and that she was consequently eptitled to one menth's Meyer would be salled.

tors, with your concurrence, propose to rent. In December last she had asked the distribute of this amount amongst the defendant when it would be convenient to Shareholders a dividend of \$2.50 per share, him to leave the house, as she did not wish thus absorbing a sum of \$4,645 and to to have lodgers, but if he did not, the conversation and he heard her say so. His Lordship nonsuited the plaintiff.

> IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. (Before His Lordship Chief Justice Sir John Smale.) January 23, 1877.

\$12,307.92.

The following are the Special Jurors :-Mesars A. Newton, H. Hoppius, B. Cope, H. L. Dalrymple, O. Kahn, T. G. Williamson and F. D. Sassoon.

Mr Russell, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiffs. The Hon, the Acting Attorney General

(Mr Phillippo), and Mr Kingsmill, instructed by Mr Brereton, appeared for the de-

The Hon, the Attorney General continued his argument. He read also from the book of correspondence. Coming to the interest account, he observed that the first item was dated 24th January, whereas the contracts were made in December. If it was intended that the defendants should pry the bargain money the plaintiffs would have charged them in the amounts mentioned. This was the strongest evidence that the plaintiffs did not intend to charge the defendants with the bargain money, as shown by the absence of any item for interest until the 24th January 1874. Referring to the defendants' letter of the 26th May, in which they declined to pay the plaintiffs their claim of \$3,206.11 for demurrage and difference on freight per Walton, the Attorney General said the defendants were misled by the plaintiffs' representation to charter the Walton, and had it not been for such representation, they would have made other arrangements. They were led to believe under a guarantee given by Browne & Co. both by telegram and letter, that there would be a full cargo for the Walton. Under the circumstances he thought the defendants were justified in not paying the bill for this amount, not being responsible for the consequences of the transaction. Business was now transacted very rapidly, and the telegoods might have been sold to arrive before they were shipped, or even before

they were bought, and merchants now-asmall profits rather than large profits and they said that the claim against the Japanese contractors on account of the rice was about \$30,000, but that there might be some slight deductions; "besides this (they added) we are ourselves liable to a loss of \$8,500 for was said to be cutting up the trunk, and time received nothing." This contemplated her commander and officers have become was gathering sticks at the time he was that the defendants were not to pay any deservedly popular. arrested by the Chinese Constable. The bargain money, the plaintiffs themselves were alone responsible, being advances on their account and not on the defendants'.

The correspondence having been gone through, the Attorney General reviewed the evidence given by Mr MacPherson, and said that the advance of the bargain money without taking security was not the properway to do business. He thought the custom was not a reasonable custom, and should not be conformed to. As to the first contract, the plaintiffs were guilty of negligence in allowing some of the rice to remain in the godowns of the Japanese. beyond the time for delivery. As to the alleged custom, he contended it had not been established, as Mr MacPherson had said that he had only asked two or three persons on the subject, and this only after his own difficulty had happened, and this would not constitute an established oustom. As to Mr Satow's evidence on the point, he could not speak to the Japanese law on the

subject, and he was not in a position to speak as to the commercial usage. As to the Walton, there was no evidence that she was fully loaded and the allowance to the Captain was excessive. He contended that Race Club on Monday night, the 15th inst., the defendants were not responsible for was an appropriate sequel to the successful any losses in regard to her, but if the Jury Race Meeting recorded in our last issue, thought they were, they were only so to a Under the skilful direction of the Stewards, reduced amount.

Kobe for the defence was then put in space for the numerous guests-including a and read. The evidence was given before large proportion of the fair sex. The Supper H. B. M. Vice Consul, Mr Anneseley Room was also a marvel in the way of at Osaka, and a Dutch merchant, who transformation, and the profuse decorations had been in Japan since 1859, testified that and display of valuable racing plate,he knew of no difference in the mode of trophies of many a turf victory-elicited dealing in rice and other produce. It was very general and warm admiration. not the custom to give advances as bargain money to the Japanese unless the goods

ness from breaking their contracts ; ten per cent, of the total amount of the purchase money was generally paid by strangers; but smaller amounts were re-Monsen v. T. I. Bowler, \$12.—This was quired from previous known dealers, Witness was not personal y acquainted with

> The Court was then adjourned till day after to-morrow at 10.80 a.m., when My

TRADE OF MANILA.

exports from the Philippines during the obtaining of a basis on which to form a set levied upon the people, as made known by write the balance of \$2,788.98 off "Hotel he could have the whole house at \$12 year 1876. The export from Manila, in of rules. a month, she meanwhile removing to a hemp, shows a considerable increase, which Directors.—On the departure of My S. E. relation's to live. To this the defendant was far more satisfactory than that of the Burrows from the Colony, Mr O. H. Bur- replied that he would leave shortly, as two previous years, or since 1872. This rows was elected to the vacant seat. Mr he expected to go away from the Colony. depressed state of things was owing to the weather, all that could be desired, attracted C. P. Chater has resigned his seat, and The plaintiff was then alleged to have said little attention paid to its preparation for a fair number of cricketers; and all things according to Section 82 of the Articles of that he could leave any time he liked, as the market, while in the year just passed considered, the play was good. Messrs. Association two of the Directors, Messrs she had no fear of the house not being let, the products seem to have been treated Deacon, Sanderson, Phipps, and Baker departure has been postponed until the 22nd E. R. Belilios and O. H. Burrows, retire or she might occupy it herself. The plainfrom the Board, but are eligible for re- tiff denied that she had ever said so, but was 519,924 plouls; and in the year 1873 wickets—making excellent scores. Messrs. the defendant produced a witness, his own it showed 477,933 picula; in 1874 it regis- Sanderson and Phipps also showed capital servant who stated that he was present at tered only 452,013 piculs; and in 1875 was form at fielding and bowling. To prove further decreased to 405,186 picula; while that this old English sport has special in 1876 it suddenly rose to 551,520 picule, | charms, we may mention the fact of an old | are to be established at Misaki and Honbeing 146,314 piculs of an increase as com- player—a well-known resident—having been moku, and telegraph wires are to connect of Mexico and the States of Central America. pared with the previous year. The value of induced to handle the willow after a retire- them with the chief office at Tokio. the export in 1876 is valued at \$3,650,980. | ment of eighteen years. It may also be Sugar also shows a great increase compared recorded that a young and popular son of counted for by the high rates of the market | world with marked success. We are glad since the middle of 1876. That of 1872 to learn that arrangements are being made 1874 was 1,011,958; 1875 was 1,271,656; amusement as one of our local institutions. and in 1876 the export was 1,370,160, which was valued at \$6,165,720.

only 78,246 piculs, valued at \$517,988, up native trading companies by State aid, against 105,774 in 1875, a decrease of about | and thereby cripple foreign enterprise. The 27,000, owing, no doubt, to the considerably | idea is comprehensive enough from a Chinese and other islands, in 1876, which is 104,896 | that perhaps His Excellency is actuated by picula above that of 1875. In sugar, a disinterested and purely patriotic, though during the year; the export only shows | Merchants Steam Company is simply a no less than 234,466 piculs.

piculs valued at \$9,419,868.

The total number of vessels that entered Manile hacbour during 1876 was !- Spanish 66 337; American 86, tonnage 43 236 German 17, tonnage 42,278; French 10, tonnage 6,384; Norwegian 3, tonnage 1,741; Dutch 1. tonnage 1,689 ; Italian 1, tonnage 925. Total number of vessels of all nation. alities, 258 ; aggregating 177,375 tons.

> China, HOUCHOW.

(Herald, Jan. 18.) The Canton Joss House narrowly escaped destruction by fire on the evening of the 15th instant. The kitchen and other outgraph had revolutionised the whole sys- houses were burnt down, but, by great tem of business now-a-days. A cargo of exertions, the flames were prevented from reaching the main building.

A rather extensive fire took place in the days looked more to rapid sales and South-Western Suburb on the night of the 11th instant. About one hundred houses Chun A Kit, a coolie, was charged with long delays as in the days of sailing vessels. | were destroyed; but, so far as we can learn, having gone into a second-hand clothes Referring to a letter of the 30th May from the actual less of property was, fortunately, shop and abstracted therefrom a pair of the plaintiffs to the defendants, in which | small; and we do not hear of any loss of

> H. M.'s S. Hornet will, we understand, leave almost immediately for Tamsui, and thence to Hongkong, there to be re-combargain money paid in December last, which | missioned. The Hornet's term of service at | with transportation. -Shanghai Courier, we have not asked you to refund us, but of | this port has been of unusually short durawhich of course we have up to the present tion, but during her brief stay on the station

> > been appointed Agents at this port for the Imperial Japanese Post office, and that they Steamer, for Japan, America, and Europe. Registration of China letters can be effected obtained from Messrs Hedge & Co.

It is to be regretted that the Road Comopposition from a section of the native doubt, been effected of late, and the roads are particularly well kept; but the numerous graves are an insuperable difficulty in the way of further extension. About three weeks ago, the lower road leading to the Fives Court was suddenly obstructed by two newly-made graves-in a manner calculated to convey an idea that a little "squeezing" on the part of petty district officials is contemplated.

The Ball given by the members of the the large reading room of the Club was com-The evidence taken by commission at pletely transformed, and afforded ample

Side by side with the Proclamation anent were either on board ship or in godown, and the Yunnan Outrage (noticed in our last then only on good security. He did not issue) may be seen an Edict by the Prefect hear of asy such advances in Nazasaki, but and Magistrates, forbidding street gambling, there were a few such cases in Kobe in Both documents are we think equally valusmall purchases. The witness, in cross- able as deterrent instruments. To sin is examination, admitted that he had been in | pleasant, and the fulminations of Mandarine other things supplied to the defendant. prison for breaking consuler seals. Another dom are not likely, in the present state of His Lordship gave judgment to day in witness was also examined. He said ad- affairs, to greatly affect the public mind. It favour of the plaintiff. He could not vances were not necessary, though they had would not be so very difficult to prevent the credit the defendant's story of the payment been made, but there was no regular cus- murder of British officials-(by the exercise from and after date is reduced to 24 per tom for making them. If advances were of a more powerful argument than mere Mr Dennys appeared for the plaintiff, made without any special agreement, he paper "talkee-talkee;") but the vice of should consider they were made on his own gambling is not to be suppressed by edicts in account, and not on that of his principal. a country where there is no approach to Lee Hing and another v. Lum Fat, He considered it unwise to charter a ship what we foreigners term morality? And it \$96.43.—This was a claim for a quantity of before the goods were secured, as the is only fair to add that in the distant West, tiles and bricks supplied to the defendant. Japanese frequently backed out of their where the voice of the people is really sup-

A numerously attended Meeting of Members of the Foothow Rifle Club was held at the Club-House on Friday last, the 12th instant: Mr Paterson occupied the chair. The principal question to decide was the choice of a weapon, and it was unanimously agreed that the breech loading carbines, kindly supplied by the Colonial Government use. Practice at the butts will, we are

informed, commence almost immediately. In order to prevent accidents it was decided that Members of the Club should, for the present, practice at the range in squade peach squad being under the command of a

The Manila Comercio, in its issue of the upon, that the Shanghai Rifle Club should be observed in the expenditure, it is hereby 15th instant, published a full return of be communicated with—in order to the declared that the tax for local purposes to be

Cricketiana:-An impromptu match was played at the Tartar Camp yesterday. The with the five previous years. This is ac- Germania made his debut in the cricketing was 804,728 piculs; 1878 was 715,062; to re-establish the vigorous and manly

It is very generally believed that one of The report from Cebu of hemp shows Li Hung-chang's pet schemes is to bolsterlarger export of this article from Manila point of view, and we are prepared to admit very small business has also been done certainly unsound, motives. The China it was before the fire took place. 150,986 piculs, valued at \$679,487, against Government Corporation, drawing large the Japanese inhabitants of Yezo, and the be clearly understood by a patient examina-169,979 piculs in 1875; the largest export subsidies from an already impoverished head quarters of the troops so enlisted will tion of the statistical accounts annually since 1872 was that of 1874, which shows Imperial Treasury. This trumped-up Com- be at Hakodate. pany now seems to meditate a monopoly of Hemp exported from Iloile in 1876 the Yangtze carrying trade; and we hear gaged in devising plans for retrenchment in amounted to 982 piculs, valued at \$8,500; that it has successfully concluded negotia- their respective departments, in order to meet, against 14,872 piculs in 1875. Sugar also tions for the purchase of the S. S. N. Co.'s as ordered by His Majesty the Mikado, the shows a decrease to the extent of 6 395 fleet of river steamers. With the command piculs compared with 1875, being in 1876 of a large steam fleet, it is no doubt fondly only 572,158 piculs, and valued at imagined that the clauses in the Chefco Shanghai will be conducted at Japanese Con-Convention-providing for the opening of sulate there. The total exports and its values from the Upper Yangtze-will become a dead the ports of Manila, Cebu and Ilollo in letter so far as foreigners are concerned. Visit Yokohama shortly to investigate the 1876 aggregated 630,728 piculs hemp valued | But the idea is visionary, and will, we are at \$4,175,418; and Sugar to 2 093,894 sure, be dispelled in time. Another scheme, with the same drift, is the establish- Vineta. ment of a Native Trading Company -with branches at Shanghai. 104, tonnage 44,785; British 86, tonnage | Canton, and London. Foreigners are to be rigidly excluded from its management and share list, though, if rumour is to be credited, foreign capital in the shape of preliminary loan will not be rejected; while It is hoped that special commerical privileges will be accorded to it by the Imperial Gov-It remains to be seen how far successful this new undertaking will prove in the long run. Our own impression is that the Chinese are good pedlers. but poor merchants, and the new project, being based on false principles, will be unremunerative to its promoters.

SCOCHOW. Since Friday, the 12th instant, the weather has been truly wintry. Up to that time the ice which one saw occasionally was never thicker than an ordinary pane of glass, and it always disappeared before Last Friday it actually snowed an inch of snow fell, and some of it yet remains unmelted. In places where the water in the canal was stagnant, ice was formed on Friday, and each day since then it has increased in thickness and now it is in some places strong enough to bear man's weight. But where the water is

Japan.

continually in motion there is no ice at all,

so that thus far the frost has not interfered

(Japan Mail.) The Taihei Maru returned no Saturday from the Bonin Islands, and reports that on We notice that Messrs Hedge & Co. have the way down from this port the vessel stopped at the island of Fatsisio to land the Governor, but experienced some difficulty in will make up a mail bag by each Shanghai finding a suitable spot for doing so, as there are no good anchorage to be found there, nor a convenient landing place. During their only at Shanghai. Postage stamps may be stay at the island the Russian gun-boat Hai damak put in disabled, having encountered a cyclone about 500 miles to the eastward of the islands, during which she lost her masts mittee should meet with such persistent and sustained other damage, besides having used up the greater part of her coal. She population. Great improvements have, no left again for Shanghai, having taken in a quantity of firewood and after some few days detention. At the Bonin Islands the Taihei Maru landed some forty Japanese officials and others who went there to take forma possession on behalf of the Japanese Government, and to form the nucleus of a colony.

The increasing use of ice during the summer months by the residents of capital has developed a new form of industry in the neighbourhood. All over the country between this port and Tôkio may be seen small ponds specially arranged for the collection of ice. They are screened from mail service on land, represent to the next the sun by straw mats, so that ice to the thickness of two or three inches speedily reasonable assistance to the Company for a forms, which is sawn into slabs about 18 term of years, or, if thought best, that the there is a demand for it. As the pond water on the same footing with other mail conwhich this ice is formed is none of the tractors. cleanest, it is more than likely that the consumption of it will propagate disease in prompt transmission of the mails between some form or another, but it is, unfortune, ately, much more likely that no amount of and China, in connection with the railway warning will prevent the Japanese from consuming it.

Some disturbance is reported at Takasaki, in the province of Joshu, on account of the land-tax, and there is also a rumour of some discontent being shown in Nagano ken, arising from the same cause.

The Coreans who were wrecked on the

coast of Satsuma some time ago have been It is made known, that in accordance with its present supremacy, would be a source of H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$575 sent back to their country. Mikado, the land-tax throughout the country INPERIAL DECREE

"Almost immediately after the Restoration, duties of a novel nature; and many needful improvements were undertaken by the Government both at home and abroad, which British Columbia, extending to all ports of necessarily greatly increased the national expenditure. The burden of this fell upon the people and was hard to us borns, for which reason We ordered that the mode of taxation should be re-modelled and settled at 8 per cent on the value of the land, thinks ing thus to afford relief to Our people. But having recently visited various parts of Our to an immense extent, Although this trade dominions, We have carefully observed the is now in its infairey it is assuming proporagricultural population, and, sympathizing tions which promise to be unlimited. with their condition, have determined to still further reduce the landstar to 21 per cent ed by the Company's Australian and New on the value of the land: We therefore order all officials to act in absordance with Our will, and to be as economical as possible in the public expenditure."

Notification No. 2. "His Imperial Majesty the Mikado having decreed that the land-tax should be reduced, produce of every conceivable kind, is man

Notification No. 272 issued in July 1873, must not exceed one-fifth of the amount of the land-tax."

Notification No. 3. "His Majesty the Mikado was to set out for the province of Yamato and city of Kiôto on the 14th instant, but His Majesty's the 8th instant, but has also been postponed until the 11th instant."

Branch offices of the Army Department

There is a rumour affoat that Messrs. visit the capital, accompanied by seventeen ducts. battalions of Satsuma troops, and they are said to be due about the end of this month. We can hardly believe this is true, but yet strange to say, the price of rice has risen in New pumping machinery having arrived

from England for the Takashima coal mine. it is expected that all the water with which the mine was flooded some time ago to extinguish the fire then raging in the old unused galleries, will now speedily be operations at present managed by the Pacific pumped out, and that by the month of Mail Steamship Company may properly be March the mine will be in the condition that adverted to in this paper.

The Government officials are busily enlate reduction in the land-tax. For the future all postal business at

Mr. Ogi, the Minister of Justice, will

case of the recent fight between the natives and the sailors of the German man-of-war The Paper Money Department is now occupied in making with all possible haste, the new pension bonds, with the view of

and samurai by June next. We hear that a Chinese firm is about to run a line of steamers between Kobe and

Shanghai. We are glad to observe that the Kenrei is our interior fast mail service be regarded

at length about to undertake the long wished for dredging of the Creek, which will be closed to taffic between the first and third bridges during the progress of the works, commencing on the 16th instant. The Kaitakushi has purchased

schooner Rupak, which will be towed up to Shinagawa on the 11th instant. We hear that a Russian naval depôt is to be established at Inasa, Nagasaki.

THE PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY.

A petition was yesterday submitted to the United States Postal Commission signed by all the leading merchants of the city, recontinue its subsidy to the China and Japan line, also for compensation for carrying mails to New Zealand, Australia, British Columbia and Puget Sound. Many reasons are set forth why the Government should pursue this course. The petitioners say : " For the past ten years the Pacific Mail Steamship United States mails between the port of San Francisco and the ports of Japan Souther China. It has been the aim of that Company and of the undersigned during all these years to build up a commerce worthy of our country, and acquire the sincere friendship of all the nations with which we were being brought into intimate intercourse. In the achievement of these objects it has been necessary to compete with the capital and enterprise of merchants of other nations. whose flags being in supremacy on the Atlantic have sought to divide with us this new and important trade.

"A certain amount of assistance was given to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company by the Government of the United States, to be continued for a designated time. The term for which this moderate aid was to be extended being about to expire, the undersigned respectfully represent that, in consideration of the importance of the objects in view and the interests of the whole nation being involved therein, your honorable Committee, in connection with your report as to the wants of the country in the matter of Congress the propriety of extending further inches square and stored in ice-houses until Pacific Mail Steamship Company be placed

"That the continuance of the regular and the United States and the ports of Japan service, is of national importance, and concerns the prosperity of the commercial men of all sections of our country, is too obvious to require any argument on this occasion. That the carrying of these mails in American ships under the American flag, is ardently desired by all our countrymen, is equally That the failure of the great enterprise and the withdrawal of our national emblem from the Pacific, or the reduction of painful mortification to all trueshearted Ame | China Fire Ins. Co., \$168 ericans, need not be stated in this paper."

The petitioners represent that the Pacific Mail Company is the only company which Chinese Insurance Co., \$200 carries our flag over any great route, and in addition to the China and Japan line is only sustaining two other important routes, viz. the Australian line and the Northern line to

Puget Sound. All these routes are important, especially the Australian, as our merchants desire to divert the business of Australia from Europe to our own country.

"These British Colonies require our agricultural products and our manufactures

"The Hawaiian Islands, which are touch-Zealand line since the ratification of the Reciprocity Treaty, begin to give evidence of growth, and will soon take rank among the most important contributions to our wealth and prosperity, Their increasing demands for implements of agriculture, and

committee-man. It was further agreed and that as much economy as possible should nifested to our traders and agriculturists through the medium of the mails carried by these steamships.

"We respectfully represent that the sustaining of a great American Company, whose ships are our own; whose officers and seamen are our brothers and fellow-citizens, whose ensign is the Stars and Stripes, is an act worthy of the legislators of our great nation. The objects for which that Company is contending are national. Their success will be a fair subject for congratulation of our whole people. Their failure will bring a blush to the face of every lover of

this country." Attention is also called to the importance of sustaining the Panama line, which sweeps the whole Western Coasts of the Republic The steamers bring to our shores the products of those countries and carry away our Shimadzu and Saigo of Satsuma intend to manufactured goods and agricultural pro-

"With no Government contribution these lines, which now have to contend against foreign opponents, may eventually prove too difficult to sustain, and in consequence thereof the flag of some foreign country may, by the aid of its own Government, be able to supplant that which is now carried by our own steamers.

"The interests of the great railroads of our country in the success of the large

"Regarding these steam lines as feeders The law of conscription is to be applied to for the railroads, their importance can only

"Other enlightened governments find it to their interests to expend hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling annually, to secure the quick and regular transport of mails. Should our people be less ambitious of availing of this great advantage? American merchants cannot fail to perceive the great gain which accrues from a regular and speedy interchange of letters with all countries with which ther are in commercial intercourse

"A fast mail, which at the cutset was asked for with modesty by even large cities, is now deemed indispensable by respectable villages. Of how much more value to our having them all handed over to the kuazoku | whole country will these fast mails become when they are connected with steam lines extending to the most distant ocean points ? Indeed, without connection with ocean lines. kept at the highest degree of efficiency, can as complete."-San Francisco Paper.

> THE U.S. POST OFFICE. In his last message to Congress President Grant points out the necessity of providing for the anticipated deficit in the Post Office department, which he estimates at over six million of dollars (6,078,267.48). That of last year by a fortunate combination of circumstances only amounted to \$4,151,988.66, which was much below the average.

A report of the Postmaster-General shows excess of expenditures, including expenditures on account of the previous year, over receipts for the fiscal year ending June 80th, 1876, to be \$4,151,988.66. The esticommending that the Government should mated expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1876, are \$36,728,482,48. "The estimated revenue for same period is \$30,645,165, leaving, as estimated, an excess of expenditure to be appropriated as a deficiency of \$6,078 267.48. A very gratifying result is presented in the fact that the deficiency of this Department during Company, contending against all difficulties | the last fiscal year was reduced to incidental upon the opening of a new route \$4,081,790.18, as against \$6,109,938.88 the of immense extent, which called for vast | preceding year. The difference can be expenditures in the building of ships and traced to the large increase of its ordinary their thorough equipment, has carried the receipts, which greatly exceeded the estimates therefor, and slight decrease in its expenditures. The ordinary receipts of the Post Office Department for the seven past fiscal years have increased at an average rate of over 8 per cent. per annum, while the increase of expenditures for the same period has been about 5 per cent. per annum. The decrease of the deficiency in the revenues has been at the rate of nearly 2 per cent. per annum.

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D. C. PRESGRAVE, Municipal Secretary. Penang. Municipal Uffice,

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Hongkong,

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GRORGE ORLEY, Inspector of Markets.

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